(*a*) whether they have received any representations, departmental or otherwise, for removing the small-pox hospital from the hospital compound at Alwaye; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by Government on those representations?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) Yes

(*b*) The member is referred to the answer to parts (*i*) to (*k*) of the interpellation No. 17 (21) answered on the 12th July 1938.

Manufacture of Tincture.

193. ✻ **MR. A. THANU PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the cost incurred by them during (i) 1111 and (ii) 1112 for the manufacture of tincture by the Government department; and

(*b*) the cost to Government during the current year on account of the same tinctures?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE:

(*a*) (i) Rs. 32,500;

(ii) Rs. 27,500.

(*b*) The cost to Government during the current year is not known since the invoices are not yet received from the suppliers.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: With reference to part (*b*), may I know whether any approximate figure is avilable, corresponding to what are called 'revised estimates' that we see in the Budget.

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: No Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether the quantity supplied this year is less than the quantity supplied during the last two years?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: The quantity varies according to the needs in a particular year, so it is not possible for me to compare the quantity supplied this year with the quantity supplied in any previous year; but I may say that the quantity required has been supplied.

Buses run by the Transport Department.

194. ✻ **MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of buses now running on the Trivandrum-Nagercoil line;

(*b*) the number of buses run by private agencies before the line was exclusively taken over by the Transport Department; and

(*c*) the average number of passengers per bus per trip travelling each day on the line?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 34, including Nagercoil-Cape, Nagercoil-Colachel service

(*b*) 108.

(*c*) 15.

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